



Alpine Gems & Minerals

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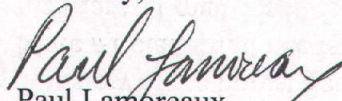
East Side #1 Mine

Dear Mr. Jensen,

In reference to your discussion with Ben Lamoreaux on May 1, 2006, I am requesting an extension of 90 days to put a reclamation surety bond in place for this mine. We have met on site with Steve Winslow of the Forest Service on May 5, 2006, and discussed the reclamation work remaining on the Marc #1 claim that needs to be finalized. A surety bond was already paid to the Forest Service for the Marc #1 quarries in the amount of \$4,900, and reclamation earthwork has been completed since 2002, with some vegetation growth. There is a minimal amount of additional earthwork and "landscaping" requested by the Forest Service to make the site acceptable, so the bond can be released. We anticipate that the bond amount currently being held by the Forest Service is adequate for any remaining reseeding on Marc #1, as well as to cover the East Side #1 Mine. The current discussion with the Forest Service is for us to bond reclamation for approximately 0.3 acres on the East Side #1 Mine, for mining to take place over the next 5 years. My engineer is working on a cost estimate for the remaining Marc #1 reclamation work, as well as the planned reclamation for East Side #1. We will need to meet again with the Forest Service to agree on these amounts, and ask for this additional time to do so, so we can determine the correct amount of the surety.

You can contact me at my home at (435) 477-3350, or you can contact Ben Lamoreaux at (435) 701-1875 (cell phone), (435) 586-0174 (office). Please let us know.

Sincerely,


Paul Lamoreaux
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